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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Venkatanarayanan Perungavoor

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 July 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

The Applicant's arguments regarding claim 21 is persuasive. And thus the 35 USC § 112 rejection has been withdrawn.

The Applicant's amendment of claim 4 obviates the objection and is thus withdrawn.

The Applicant's arguments regarding Claim 1 are not persuasive as Perlman does teach of storing decrypted multimedia see Par. 0038 & Par. 0032 & Fig. 5 item 500. As Perlman discloses the storing of multimedia that has already been decrypted and saving it for later viewing. Perlman also discloses the second hard drive for storing before rendering see Par. 0042. And further applicant's arguments regarding the use of RAM are immaterial as Perlman discloses the long term storage see Fig. 8 item 500.

The Applicant's arguments regarding Claims 2 and 7 are not persuasive as Perlman discloses the use of UDMA or SCSI to support high speed data storage and bandwidth, i.e. optimized for writing and reading see Par. 0042 & Par. 0028. And further Perlman discloses the different types of memory element being used, which reflect easier read and write capability see Par. 0069.

The Applicant's arguments regarding Claim 17 are not persuasive as Perlman discloses the pre-allocating for headers and used for identification see Par. 0056 & Par. 0059.

The Applicant's arguments regarding Claim 22 is not persuasive as Perlman disclose the interleaving of multimedia content see Par. 0055.

For citations of 35 USC § 102(e) codes, please consult previous office action.

Response to Amendment

Claim 1-11, 13-36 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication 2002/0116705 A1 to Perlman.

Regarding Claim 1, Perlman discloses receiving a broadcast signal containing a plurality of encrypted multimedia channels see Figure 15 item 1100 & item 1101 & Paragraph 005; storing said encrypted multimedia channels in a first hard drive partition see Figure 5 item 445 & item 446; decrypting one or more encrypted multimedia content stored in first hard drive partition to generate one or more decrypted multimedia channels see Fig. 5 item 170 & 171 ; storing the decrypted multimedia channels to a second hard drive before rendering it to display see Fig. 5 item 460 & Par. 0038 & Par. 0032.

Regarding Claim 2, The "first hard drive partition is optimized for writing data" see Paragraph 0030 & Par. 0069.

Regarding Claim 3, Regarding Claim 3, The "writing a first amount of multimedia data equivalent to a block from each of said 1 through N multimedia channels to each of a first N consecutive blocks in said first hard drive partition, respectively" see Figure 5 item 445 & item 446 & Paragraph 0030.

Regarding Claim 4, The "writing a second amount of multimedia data equivalent to a block from each of said 1 through N multimedia channels to each of a second N consecutive blocks in said first hard drive partition, respectively, said second N consecutive blocks being the next N consecutive blocks following said first N consecutive blocks" see Figure 5 item 460.

Regarding Claim 5, The "selecting a non-consecutive block if one of said first or second N consecutive blocks are unavailable" see Paragraph 0056.

Regarding Claim 6, The "non-consecutive block is selected because jumping to said non-consecutive block will require relatively less seek time when compared with all other non-consecutive blocks" see Paragraph 0057.

Regarding Claim 7, The "second hard drive partition is optimized for reading data"

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see Paragraph 0063.

Regarding Claim 8, The "reading and decoding one or more of said multimedia channels from said second hard drive partition responsive to a user request to view said

one or more multimedia channels" see Paragraph 0033.

Regarding Claim 9, The "decoding comprises MPEG2 decoding" see Paragraph 0051.

Regarding Claim 10, The "demultiplexing said multimedia channels prior to storing said decrypted multimedia channels to said second hard drive partition" see Paragraph

0039.

Regarding Claim 11 , The "writing a first amount encrypted pf multimedia data equivalent to a block from each of said 1 through N multimedia channels to each of a first N consecutive blocks on a first hard drive partition on said mass storage device, respectively" see Figure 5 item 445 & 446; decrypting the multimedia data stored in the first hard drive partition to generate decrypted multimedia data see Fig. 5 item 170 & 171; writing the decrypted multimedia data to 1 through N multimedia

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channels into second N consecutive blocks in second hard drive see Fig. 5 item 460 & 501 & 502.

Regarding Claim 13, Regarding Claim 13, The "selecting a non-consecutive block if one of said first or second N consecutive blocks are unavailable" see Paragraph 0055.

Regarding Claim 14, The "non-consecutive block is selected because jumping to said non-consecutive block will require relatively less seek time when compared with all other non-consecutive blocks" see Paragraph 0057 & Par. 0060.

Regarding Claim 15, The "pre-allocating metadata identifying each of said N multimedia channels stored on said mass storage device before writing said first amount of multimedia data for each of said 1 through N multimedia channels" see Paragraph 0034 & Par. 0056 & Par. 0059.

Regarding Claim 16, The "estimating an amount of storage space which programs from each of said multimedia channels will consume, and pre-allocating an amount of metadata sufficient to identify said amount of storage space" see Paragraph 0034 & Figure 6.

Regarding Claim 17, The "metadata comprises an I-node and one or more indirect blocks" see Figure 7.

Regarding Claim 18, The "pre-allocating metadata to consecutive blocks on said mass storage device before writing said data" see Paragraph 0034 & Par. 0056 & Par. 0059.

Regarding Claim 19, The "estimating an amount of storage space which said data will occupy, and pre-allocating an amount of metadata sufficient to identify said amount of storage space" see Paragraph 0034.

Claim 20 is rejected under the same rational as Claim 17 above.

Regarding Claim 22, The "a block allocation module to interleave multimedia content from each of said multimedia channels in successive blocks on a mass storage device" see Figure 12 item 1210.

Regarding Claim 23, The "pre-allocation logic for pre-allocating metadata identifying said multimedia content before said multimedia content is stored on said mass storage device" see Paragraph 0034.

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Regarding Claim 24, The "estimating an amount of storage space which said multimedia content will occupy, and pre-allocating an amount of metadata sufficient to identify said amount of storage space" see Paragraph 0034.

Regarding Claim 25, The "metadata comprises an I-node and one or more indirect blocks" see Figure 7.

Claim 26 contains similar language as Claim 1 above and is rejected along the same lines.

Claim 27 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 2 above.

Claim 28 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 3 above.

Claim 29 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 4 above.

Claim 30 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 5 above.

Claim 31 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 6 above.

Claim 32 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 7 above.

Claim 33 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 8 above.

Claim 34 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 9 above.

Claim 35 is rejected under the same rationale as Claim 10 above.

Regarding Claim 36, The "first hard drive partition is on a first hard drive and said second hard drive partition is on a second hard drive" see Figure 5 item 460 & item 445 & item 446.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a). A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

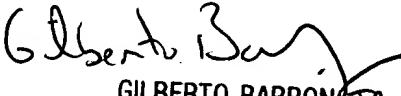
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Venkatanarayanan Perungavoor whose telephone number is 571-272-7213. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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